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Appl. No. 08/657,749

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

METZ

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For: **Nucleic Acid Sequences Encoding
a Plant Cytoplasmic Protein
Involved in Fatty Acyl-CoA
Metabolism**

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Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action for restriction mailed June 23, 1998, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, comprising Claims 1-13, 17 and 29. In response to the Examiner's request for election of a patentably distinct species, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 4-6.¹

¹ A species was not elected in the Response to Restriction Requirement mailed on June 23, 1998.

Please cancel Claims 4-16 (claims of Group II) without prejudice. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if they believe that would facilitate the prosecution of this above captioned application.

If any charges are deemed appropriate, Applicants hereby authorize the U.S. Patent Office to charge any fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824 under our reference number 16518.025.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. R. Marsh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "D." and last name "Marsh" clearly distinguishable.

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